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High School Basketball in Kentucky



Kentucky college hoops get a lot of attention—in the Commonwealth and around the country—but Kentuckians' love of the game has its foundation in high school basketball.

As an organized sport, high school basketball celebrates its centennial in 2018. Its history, however, goes back nearly 120 years.

Fierce competition, team rivalries and outstanding athletes draw people to the game. But high school basketball is more than a competition; it is a mirror of society.

Legislative Moments this session focuses on the 20th century history and development of the sport and shows the ways high school basketball has reflected societal opinions and practice, especially on issues of race and gender.



Basketball fans wait for the doors to open for the third session of the boys' 1961 Sweet Sixteen®. (Photo courtesy of John C. Wyatt Lexington Herald-Leader collection, University of Kentucky, Special Collections and Research Center.)